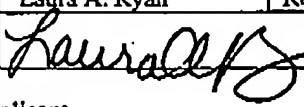
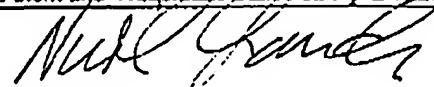


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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 7, 2005, Applicant elects claims directed to Figures 1-5. Applicant elects, without traverse, claims 1-6, 8, 10-18 and 33-41. Applicant respectfully submits that at a minimum independent claims 1 and 33 are generic to Embodiments 1-7. Applicant respectfully withdraws remaining claims 7, 9, 19-32 and 42-43 and reserves the right to reintroduce them in a divisional application at a later date. Further, Applicant understands that upon allowance of a generic claim Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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